

Tokyo Union Church
October 24, 2004 at 8:30 & 11:00 am

PRELUDE

"From Deep Need I Cry to Thee" by J. S. Bach

We welcome you to Tokyo Union Church. Please sign the pew registry.

(Please Stand; ** Late Seating)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP - *Psalm 65*

Pastor: Praise is due to you, O God, for you answer our prayers.

People: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance O God of our salvation.

Pastor: You are the hope of the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

People: The whole world is clothed in your glory. Let us shout and sing together for joy!

**OPENING HYMN 482

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, you show yourself merciful to the needy, exalting the humble, and humbling the exalted. When we were low, you lifted us up, and fed us with the bounty of your goodness. But we have set aside the tender ways of humility; we have become rich in our own eyes, vainly proud of our strength and accomplishments.

Merciful God, forgive our arrogance, our complacent sense of self-sufficiency. Renew in us a meek spirit; teach us to clothe ourselves in humility, that we will seek always to give you all glory, for all your wondrous works on our behalf.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE – *Psalm 65*

O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. It is in the name of Jesus Christ your son and our savior that we are forgiven. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Hymn 597 "Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

**Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all God's benefits.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Joel 2:23-32 (OT p. 848)

Lectors: (8:30) Russell Gesling (11:00) John Visher

**GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

Pastor Craig Hunter

Preschool-kindergarten ages may go to the 2nd floor classroom at this time.

Nursery care for children ages 0-2 is provided on the first floor throughout the entire service.

HYMN

"The Wonder of It All" (see back)

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:9-14 (NT p. 81)

SERMON

"Two Went to Pray"

Pastor Bruce Sloan

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Praying today for **Philippine Self Help Foundation, Philippines**)

The Lord's Prayer – **Ecumenical** (Hymnal p. 16)

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(8:30) Music "Sonata No. 3 - II Allegro" by Jean-Marie Leclair

Matama Takahashi, violin

(11:00) Music "I Will Offer My Heart, Lord, My Saviour" by J. S. Bach

Michiko Sunamura, solo

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings - Doxology (Hymn 592)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

(8:30) HOLY COMMUNION - *Please turn to Hymnal p. 13.*

During Communion Hymn 599 "Jesus, Remember Me"

EXPRESSIONS OF FELLOWSHIP

In the name of the Lord, we warmly welcome all visitors and newcomers.

Please join us for the Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 am service, so we can greet you personally.

*CLOSING HYMN 374 "Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace"

*BENEDICTION - *Psalms 65:4*

"Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts, We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple."

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 586: **Amen, Amen, Amen.**)

Following the 11:00 am service, the Prayer and Healing Ministry Team will be available in the front of the sanctuary for persons desiring prayer.

POSTLUDE

"Tocatta in E Major" by J. S. Bach

Philippine Self Help Foundation (PSHF), Philippines: The mission of PSHF is to empower the poor with credit assistance. PSHF provides poor families with micro-loans which enable them to develop a wide range of livelihood projects such as handicrafts, raising livestock, vending, furniture making, fishing and farming.

Today's Sunday Communion: (8:30) Scott Carroll, Jean Pengosro **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Kaoru Shikata (11:00) Elizabeth Foley
Ushers: (8:30) Gesling family (11:00) Odate family **Nursery:** (11:00) Toshiko Carroll **Childcare:** (8:30) Beth Wang (11:00) Elizabeth Ogiyama **Coffee Hosts:** The Evangelism Ministry Team **Flowers:** Michiyo Uchida, to the glory of God.

CELEBRATION WORSHIP TEAM will have their first rehearsal next Sunday, Oct. 31 after the 11:00 service. Please come and join us with your gifts and talents. The service begins on Nov. 7, at 12:30 pm.
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BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS for adults begins **today**, at 9:45 am, in Pastor Bruce's office. Please contact the pastors if you would like to join the class.

THE NEW MEMBERS' CLASS: **Today**, at 12:30 pm in the 2nd Floor Classroom. All persons interested in membership at TUC are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Membership elder, Alan Sorba (070-5089-4862) or the church office.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY MONTHLY PROGRAM: Richard Foster, Founder of the Philippine Self Help Foundation (PSHF) will speak on its mission to empower the poor with small business loan assistance, Thursday, **Nov. 4**, at 10:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us at 9:30 am for coffee and sweets before the program.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY Communion: (8:30) ARI **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Keiko Hayashi (11:00) Nobuko Gaine **Ushers:** ARI
Lectors: ARI (**Readings:** Hab. 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Ps. 119:137-144; 2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10) **Nursery:** (11:00) Tamako Bunting
Childcare: TBA **Greeters:** (11:00) TBA **Coffee Hosts:** The Property & Use Team **Flowers:** Chika Eto (arrangement), Michiko Yaegashi (donation)

CONGRATULATIONS to Ryo & Naomi Takagi on the birth of their baby boy (2,600g) on 10/15/2004. Both mother and baby are doing well. A ROSEBUD is placed in the chancel in celebration of his birth.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL is in without a clerk, and we need one! If you feel that administrative work is one of your talents, and would be interested in finding out more about the position, please speak to one of the nominating elders.

PART-TIME POSITION AT TUC: **Children's Ministry Director** - Do you love children and have a heart for the gospel? Were you ever a child yourself? Would you like to see the children of TUC grow in their Christian faith, and do you have the energy and vision to make that happen? Those with patience, imagination, energy and experience working with children are encouraged to get more information. Please speak with Pastor Craig for details.

THE TUC PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN is looking for a committed Christian **Director** with relevant experience for its Early Childhood Education program. Candidates should be native English speakers with relevant Early Childhood Education qualifications, a Masters Degree or higher, and previous administrative experience is highly desirable. If you are interested, resumes can be left at the church office, faxed to the church office on 3400-1942 or e-mailed to the church office at tuc@gol.com (**no later than the end of October**). The starting date for this position is negotiable. We would encourage you to tell anyone who is suitably qualified about the available vacancy. If anyone requires further information they can contact Maggie Yamasaki, Preschool Elder (phone: 3449-8806).

THE PRAYER CHAIN is a group of people who are contacted by email, fax or phone to pray for the leaders & ministries of TUC and for any prayer requests we receive during the week. Contact Mary Foster at tucprayer@yahoo.com.au with your prayer requests.

WESTERN SUDAN EMERGENCY - Thousands have died, a million people have been forced to leave their homes, and there have been widespread human rights violations. TUC is channeling donations to Christian Aid for their support of relief organizations aiding the refugees on the Sudan/Chad border. Please use the emergency relief envelopes in the pews.

THE TUC WOMEN'S SOCIETY is in dire need of an updated computer system in order to maintain our membership database and to communicate with our members. Funds allocated to purchase an updated system were unfortunately part of the unrecovered loss from last spring's office theft. Functions performed on this system include desk-top publishing and require IBM compatibility and P4 or P4M 1.8GHz or more, 1G RAM, 60Gb HD, DVD-RW, XGA video, 17" LCD screen, Microsoft Office Professional, Microsoft Money, and Microsoft XP. Should you or your company find this a donation opportunity, please contact Chris Losier, TUCWS Vice President, at Losier@aol.com.

INTERNATIONAL LIVING CRAFT'S AUTUMN BAZAAR in association with Outreach will be outside TUC **next Sunday, Oct. 31**. Christmas cards and gifts, handicrafts, jigsaws and toys from N.G.O.'s and Relief Organisations in Developing Countries plus Tea, Coffee and Health Foods from Third World Cooperatives. All proceeds go to help people who are in need in Developing Countries - but prepared to help themselves.

TOKYO UNION CHURCH was founded in 1872 and is an ecumenical and international congregation of English-speaking Christians. The word "union" is used to indicate that the membership is composed of Christians from many churches and nationalities who are united through a common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The members of Tokyo Union Church bring the richness of their own Christian heritage and experience into our worship, study, fellowship, and service. Tokyo Union Church is independent and financially self-supporting; it is a member of the National Christian Council of Japan. ***Our Vision: A diverse community of growing committed Christians in the heart of Tokyo, sharing the light of Christ with all nations.***

THIS WEEK AT TUC (Details on bulletin boards in lobby.)

Oct. 24 (Sun)	8:30 & 11:00 am	Worship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Adult Baptism Class (Pastor Bruce's Office)
	12:30 pm	Philippine Mission Trip Mtg. (WS Office)
	12:30 pm	New Members' Class (2F)
	12:45 pm	Evangelism Ministry Mtg. (Library)
	2:00 pm	Council Mtg. (B1)
	3:00 pm	Sunday Alpha Course (Sanctuary)
Oct. 26 (Tue)	10:00 am	WS Bible Study (2F)
	7:00 pm	Personnel Mtg.
Oct. 27 (Wed)	7:00 pm	Basic Theology Class (2F)
	7:00 pm	Preschool Board Mtg. (4F)
Oct. 28 (Thu)	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (3F)
	7:30 pm	Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)
Oct. 29 (Fri)	10:00 am	Daytime Alpha Course (TUC Sanctuary)
		Preschool Harvest Party
Oct. 30 (Sat)		ARI Weekend
Oct. 31 (Sun)	8:30 & 11:00 am	Worship - ARI Sunday
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Adult Baptism Class (Pastor Bruce's Office)
	12:30 pm	Contemporary Worship Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	12:30 pm	Philippine Mission Trip Mtg. (WS Office)
	3:00 pm	Sunday Alpha Course (Sanctuary)

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“The Wonder of It All”

“THAT WE MAY LIVE TOGETHER”
Experience One of TUC’S Major Outreach Ministries
With the Visitors from ASIAN RURAL INSTITUTE (ARI)

Interested in deepening your understanding of how TUC’s mission support is working for rural communities in some 50 countries, and learning how the process works? Then, you are encouraged to set the weekend of October 30th aside for this enriching experience.

“That We May Live Together” has been the motto of the **Asian Rural Institute (ARI)** since its inception 31 years ago. ARI is a training center, based on the Christian faith, for young leaders from communities in developing countries. Located in Nasu, Tochigi Prefecture, ARI annually trains 25 to 35 participants from Asia, Africa and other developing nations through its 8-month program, covering community leadership skills, agricultural techniques, home industry know-how, and, above all, the spirit of sharing.

ARI has brought about 1,100 grass-root leaders for training to live with and lead others in the spirit of **“That We May Live Together”**. Every year in April, about 30 community leaders, women and men, from an agricultural extension station in a remote village in Tanzania, from a church in India, a community center in Myanmar and the like meet each other for the first time in their life at ARI, located in Nasu, Tochigi Prefecture. Some of them are Japanese youths, who are committing their future to helping those communities develop. Every year at ARI those young rural community representatives instantaneously form a new community, in which they live for 8 months to share their life experiences and learn skills, technology and, above all, the spirit of sharing **“That We May Live Together”**.

TUC helped ARI get started and has been its mission partners for the past 31 years. ARI invites TUC members to its Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration (Saturday, October 9th and Sunday, October 10th, this year), and the TUC invites the ARI participants in the fall (Saturday, October 30th and Sunday, October 31st, this year) to an overnight stay at members’ homes and to our Sunday morning worship services.

Interested in getting to know closely some of those grass-roots rural community leaders currently in training at ARI and learn how they are trying to share **“That We May Live Together”**? **Then, open your home** to the visitors overnight **October 30th** attend either **worship service October 31st** and **attend the Fellowship Lunch** with the visitors that Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Over that weekend TUC will receive 29 Participants from ARI for an annual overnight visit. The group will arrive at TUC at about 12:30 p.m., Saturday, October 30h. The visitors will be shown around downtown Tokyo in a few groups in the afternoon by some volunteer TUC members, be the dinner and overnight guests at the volunteer TUC member/friend homes that evening and conduct the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. TUC worship services Sunday. Those hosts who would like to share with other hosts the first moments of interactions with the guests are welcome to join a group supper Saturday evening in the TUC Fellowship Hall. In lieu of the regular Fellowship Coffee Hour, we will hold a fellowship luncheon with the ARI visitors on October 31st, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. Some visitors will share their life experiences and visions with us and respond to our questions. The group will leave Tokyo at about 2:00 p.m.

Open up your home for an overnight stay for those visitors. Dinner and quiet moments of fellowship with those young community leaders from rural areas of developing nations will enrich your view of the world around us today and deepen the appreciation for the grace of the Lord. Let us share **“That We May Live Together”**.

Please contact Paul Fukuda, a TUC liaison with ARI in support of TUC Outreach Ministry, on this annual event (03-5229-6830 –office- and 03-3314-5192 –home- / E-mail: kiska@inter.net) for questions and offers to get involved. **TUC Outreach Ministry Team**

“Each one of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7

